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Honorable James H. Welsh Commissioner of Conservation State of Louisiana Post Office Box 44275 Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70804-4275

Re: <u>APPLICATION FOR PUBLIC HEARING</u>.

Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, SOUTH SAREPTA FIELD, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana.

Dear Sir:

CLAYTON WILLIAMS ENERGY, INC. ("Applicant"), hereby respectfully applies for a public hearing to consider evidence relative to the issuance of an Order pertaining to the following matters relating to the Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in the South Sarepta Field, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana:

- 1. To authorize Applicant to designate and utilize its P Benoit et al No. 1 Well, located as shown on the attached plat, as the unit well for CV RA SUA, in exception to the spacing provisions of Office of Conservation Order No. 167-G, effective March 28, 2006.
- 2. To consider such other matters as may be appropriate and justified by the evidence presented at the hearing.

The Cotton Valley Formation, Reservoir A, in South Sarepta Field, Bossier and Webster Parishes, Louisiana, was defined in Office of Conservation Order No. 167-G, effective March 28, 2006.

Any pertinent data concerning this application will be available for inspection at the offices of Mr. Craig Barclay, 522 Dumbarton, Shreveport, Louisiana 71106. Any person wishing to inspect any such data should call Mr. Barclay at (318) 869-2223 during normal business hours in order to arrange a date and time for such inspection. A copy of any such data which is not otherwise available at the Office of Conservation can be obtained from Applicant at the expense of the requesting party.

As provided by the Revised Rules of Procedure, the subject matter of this application does not require the issuance of a pre-application notice; therefore, no such notice has been issued.

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Pursuant to the aforesaid Rules of Procedure, Applicant has made a reasonable effort to obtain the names and addresses of all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties to whom notice of this application is being sent and has attached hereto a list of the names and addresses of such parties. A copy of this letter and of the attached plat is being sent to the District Manager of the Shreveport District of the Office of Conservation and to the Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties, as shown on the attached list.

Applicant will provide for posting of a copy of the Legal Notice of this hearing, and of the enclosed plat, at a prominent place in the area affected and will cause publication of the Legal Notice in a newspaper published in the general area of South Sarepta Field, all in accordance with the Revised Rules of Procedure. Furthermore, Applicant will mail a copy of the Legal Notice to all Interested Owners, Represented Parties and Interested Parties promptly upon receipt of the Legal Notice from the Commissioner.

A check payable to the Office of Conservation and covering the application fee is

enclosed.

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David L. Smelley

Attorney for Clayton Williams Energy, Inc.

DLS:dp Enclosures

cc: Mr. Jim Broussard (w/encls.)

Mr. Kelly Beckham (w/encls.) Mr. Craig Barclay (w/encls.) Interested Owners, Represented

Parties and Interested Parties (w/plat only)

